

MAY BE MAN
WITH RECORDAlbert Rodier Arrested
in St. Albans.

CHARGED WITH BURGLARY

A Net of Other Crimes is Being Slowly
Weaved About Man Who
Denies All.

St. Albans, May 15.—The hearing in the case of Albert Rodier, charged with breaking into the residence of T. A. Summerskill the night of May 12, was continued at 10 o'clock this morning. The state introduced no new witnesses and the defense introduced no testimony at all. Elmer Johnson, attorney for the defense, asked that the ball be introduced from \$1,000 to \$700 and Justice of the peace John Kearney held Rodier on the charge of burglary to await the action of the grand jury in September in the sum of \$700 bail.

It begins to look as though Rodier was a man with a history and some experience in the line of thieving. Yesterday Chief of Police Blake received a letter from the chief of police of St. Johnsbury, stating that a house had been entered at that place and a coat and other articles taken. A sample of the cloth from which the coat was made, was enclosed, also the tailor's number on the coat. Rodier's coat was at once examined and found to correspond exactly with the coat missing from St. Johnsbury.

This evening E. A. Hart of St. Johnsbury, a brakeman employed on the St. J. & L. C. railroad, appeared at the jail, examined the coat and recognized it at once as his, which with a gold lined bon bon dish, two silver vases and a photograph of a young lady, were stolen from his house between midnight Thursday night and daylight Friday morning. None of the other articles stolen from St. Johnsbury were among Rodier's effects.

Rodier brought with him when he came here a nice dress suit case and a hand bag in which was a heavy salt nearly new, a half dozen handkerchiefs with the initials different on each one, two ladies' rings, a pair of opera glasses, a gentleman's toilet set in leather case. Besides these he has a fine old gold hunting case watch, a seal ring, a heavy band gold ring, a small diamond ring and a nice scarf pin in the shape of a sword. Although it has been proven beyond a doubt that Rodier was in St. Johnsbury last week, he persisted last night in saying that he had never been there. It is the impression in police circles here that Rodier is one of the band of burglars and thieves which is now operating in various parts of the state.

SIBYL SANDERSON DEAD.

Famous Opera Singer Died in Paris After
Serious Illness.

Paris, May 16.—Sibyl Sanderson, the opera singer, died here this morning. A severe attack of grip is given as the cause of death. Since her return from Nice, several months ago, she has been seriously ill with a hardening of the liver and paralysis of the legs and part of her face. She has been suffering untold pain. Three days ago she became unconscious and did not regain consciousness.

Mt. Vernon Strikers Victorious.

Mount Vernon, N. Y., May 16.—The Italian laborers at work on the Union Electric railway here have won a victory, the demands which led to their striking several days ago having been conceded by the firm. The strikers also demanded an eight hour day at the same pay they had received for ten hours, \$1.50, and this has been granted. Other contractors will also now concede the demands of their men.

Denver Cathedral Burned.

Denver, May 16.—St. John's cathedral, the most pretentious church building belonging to the Protestant Episcopal church in Denver, has been destroyed by fire, believed to be of incendiary origin. The loss is placed at \$100,000; insurance, \$80,000. The building was erected in 1881, and is said to have cost \$150,000.

Lebanon Air Ship Flies Again.

Paris, May 16.—The Lebanon airship made another ascension, circling Mantes, Rosny and Meulan. In a series of evolutions over the Chateau de Rosny the ship answered her rudder perfectly. She covered slightly over seven miles and a half in twenty-five minutes. Part of the course was against a brisk wind. A slight accident to the ventilator did not interrupt the success of the trip.

Fourth Class Postmasters.

Washington, May 16.—The following fourth class postmasters have been appointed: Pennsylvania—Otto, P. H. Nicolety; Prospectville, A. J. Williams.

Victoria Strike On.

Melbourne, Victoria, May 16.—Premier Irvine has announced in the legislative assembly that he has received a letter from the officials of the Engine Drivers' association declaring the strike off and submitting unconditionally.

OF BARRE GRANITE.

Monument For Chester A. Arthur Cut at
Kyle & McCormick's.

Montpelier, May 15.—The monument to be erected by the state of Vermont at Fairfield in July to the memory of Chester A. Arthur is boxed and ready for shipment at the sheds of Kyle & McCormick in this city where it was cut. This monument is of very simple but effective design. It consists of a rock-faced die and base of Barre granite.

The dimensions of the die are 4 feet 9 inches by 3 feet 9 inches by 5 feet 6 inches, and of the base 5 feet 10 inches by 4 feet 10 inches by 1 foot 6 inches. On a sunken polished panel in the center of the face of the die is this inscription: "On this spot stood the cottage where was born Chester A. Arthur the twenty-first president of the United States. Erected by the state of Vermont." With the exception of a hammered top and a polished panel on which is carved the above inscription both the die and base are entirely rock-faced. The manufacturers are awaiting orders from ex-Gov. W. W. Stickney to ship this monument to Fairfield, where it will probably be erected as soon as the Memorial day rush with granite manufacturers is over. The weight of this monument completed is about 12 tons. Ex-Governor Stickney inspected and accepted the work when it was completed.

LEAGUE BASE BALL.

Boston Nationals Fairly Swamped the St.
Louis Team.

Yesterday's National League scores: At Philadelphia, Pittsburg 13, Philadelphia 2. At Boston, Boston 10, St. Louis 0. At New York, Cincinnati 5, New York 4. At Brooklyn, Chicago 7, Brooklyn 4.

National League Standing.
Won. Lost. Pct. Won. Lost. Pct.
New York 9 2 .682 Cincinnati 13 11 .541
Chicago 9 2 .682 Brooklyn 11 12 .479
Pittsburg 17 10 .630 St. Louis 7 18 .286
Boston 12 11 .520 Philadelphia 6 18 .250

Yesterday's American League scores: At St. Louis, Philadelphia 4, St. Louis 2. At Detroit, Detroit 8, Boston 0. At Chicago, Chicago 7, Washington 0. At Cleveland, Cleveland 5, New York 3.

American League Standing.
Won. Lost. Pct. Won. Lost. Pct.
Chicago 14 7 .667 New York 9 12 .429
Cleveland 9 2 .682 St. Louis 8 12 .400
Detroit 11 10 .524 Cleveland 8 10 .444
Boston 11 11 .500 Washington 7 13 .350

College Scores.
At New York, Columbia 2, Cornell 0.

SPLIT IN MINISTRY.

Indicated by Chamberlain's Speech on
Trade Reciprocity.

London, May 16.—Colonial Secretary Chamberlain's appeal for trade reciprocity within the empire, in a speech to his constituents at Birmingham last night, is generally regarded as the most important political manifesto since Gladstone's home rule speeches. It is fraught with possibilities of disrupting the conservative ranks as Home Rule did the ranks of the Liberals. Chamberlain's speech undoubtedly indicates a serious split in the present ministry and foreshadows the early dissolution of Parliament.

A REVOLTING CASE.

Richard Barrett of So. Burlington Charged
With Criminal Assault.

Burlington, May 16.—Richard Barrett of South Burlington had a partial preliminary hearing in city court yesterday on a charge of criminal assault upon Miss Carrie Hall, a girl of 20 years of age and a resident of Cedar street. The testimony of Miss Hall was taken, after which the case was continued until a week from Saturday. The case is one of the most revolting ones that has come before the city court in years.

NO MORE TRIALS.

Two Shamrocks Will Go to Greenock Next
Monday.

Glasgow, May 16.—Despite the decision to have a more trial between Shamrock I and III before fitting them for an ocean voyage the games continued today, precluding the possibility of further trials. The yachts therefore will remain here until Monday when they will go to Greenock.

AMES GOES TO PRISON.

Ex-Mayor of Minneapolis Found Guilty of
Extortion.

Minneapolis, May 16.—Ex-Mayor Ames, who was recently found guilty of extortion and accepting bribes while in office, was this morning sentenced to six years in the penitentiary.

FIRE AT PENACOOK, N. H.

Whitney Electrical Works Destroyed With
Loss of \$50,000.

Concord, N. H., May 16.—The plant of the Whitney Electrical Instrument company at Penacook was destroyed by fire this morning. The loss is \$50,000.

E. H. Harriman arrives in New York.

New York, May 16.—E. H. Harriman reached New York in a special train this morning after a record breaking trip from the Far West, suffering with a slight attack of appendicitis. He does not expect to be operated on and has not abandoned his intention of going to Europe the last of the month.

Training Ship Alliance at Norfolk.

Washington, May 16.—The navy department is informed that the training ship Alliance, from Kingston, Jamaica, which was more than two weeks overdue, arrived at Norfolk, Virginia, this morning.

Glughams!—See the assortment we
have. Notice the qualities at 124c per
yard. Venle & Knight.

Prindle & Averill have just received a
large assortment of kerosene oil stoves.

SHORTER DAY
IS GRANTEDFairbanks Scale Men to
Work Nine Hours.

BEGINNING JUNE FIRST

Announcement by Manager Turner
Hailed With Great Delight by
Employees.

St. Johnsbury, May 15.—Manager Turner of E. & T. Fairbanks & Co., announced today that the scale factory would be placed on a nine hour basis beginning June 1. The news was received with great delight by the 1000 employees and has already strengthened the friendly feeling which has always existed in this factory. It is a significant fact that there has been no labor trouble here since the factory was established.

MAY MARRY AGAIN.

Prospects Are That Joseph H. Socia Will
Never Be Arrested For Bigamy.

Rutland, May 16.—The prospects are that Joseph H. Socia, formerly a resident of this city, who was married a short time ago to Miss Ethel B. Ballard of Cleveland avenue, in spite of the fact that he already had a wife living at Fort Ann, N. Y., will not have to pay any penalty for his act, although bigamy is supposed to be more or less of a misdemeanor in Vermont and also in New York.

This seems to be because the authorities do not care to make an arrest unless somebody makes a complaint, and the Ballard family, who are, about the only people vitally interested in the matter, do not seem to wish to have Socia arrested. It is understood that Socia has been forgiven and that plans are already being made to have him secure a divorce from his wife No. 1 in order that he may again be married to Miss Ballard. Meanwhile Socia is keeping away from Rutland, apparently laboring under a mistaken idea that the officers would arrest him if he came here.

SENTENCED FOR LARCENY.

Nineteen Years Old Boy Pleads Guilty to
Stealing a Keg of Beer.

Rutland, May 16.—Oliver Latour, Jr., aged 19, who was arrested at Burlington and was brought to this city last evening by Officer John P. Clifford, pleaded guilty to a charge of petit larceny before Judge Willis M. Ross in the city court this morning. He was fined \$1 and costs of \$21.00. In default of the money the boy went to jail for 72 days. Latour with two companions broke the seal on a freight car in this city and stole two kegs of beer about ten days ago. The offense is a serious one but Latour turned state's evidence and was thus let off with a light sentence.

ACCIDENTS AT WATERBURY.

A. I. Morse Has Bone in His Wrist Se-
vered by a Saw—Mrs. Keene Injured.

Waterbury, May 15.—A. I. Morse of Duxbury met with a severe accident this afternoon while at work in E. W. Humbley's mill. In reaching over an edging saw, not knowing that the saw was running, his wrist dropped on the saw and was nearly severed. The bone was completely cut off. Dr. H. Jones, assisted by Drs. Stanley and Bidwell, attended the wounded man and will save an amputation. Mr. Morse will be taken to the hospital at Montpelier tomorrow.

Mrs. Charles Keene met with a painful accident this afternoon by slipping on the sidewalk and dislocating an elbow, which was replaced by Dr. Jones and Stanley.

CHILD SWALLOWS IODINE.

South Shaftsbury Lad Brought Back From
Death's Door.

Bennington, May 15.—Leon, the five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beagle of South Shaftsbury came very near death yesterday. In some manner the child got hold of a bottle of iodine and before the attention of the mother was called to it the little fellow had swallowed about half of its contents.

Dr. Dean, who lives near by, was hurriedly called and after working faithfully over the child for several hours, succeeded in saving its life.

DOG SHOW CLOSED.

Exhibition in Burlington Was Most Suc-
cessful.

Burlington, May 16.—The annual bench show of the Champlain Kennel club which has been in progress at the City Hall since Wednesday, closed last night after a most successful run. There have been large crowds in attendance, the dogs have been as good if not better than any ever shown in Vermont before and the show has been managed by competent dog fanciers. One of the principal attractions has been the troupe of trained dogs, shown by Prof. Litz.

Dates for Railroad Hearings

St. Albans, May 15.—The board of railroad commissioners will hold a public hearing at Northfield on the 21st, on the matter of the recent wreck at that place. The board will hold a meeting at Milton on the 22nd to investigate the wreck which occurred there on the 5th inst.

5TH BANQUET
OF LEAGUEEpworthians Gathered in
Great Force.

FINE TIME ENJOYED

List of Toasts Responded to and Of-
ficers Elected for Ensuing
Year.

Epworth Leaguers were out in force at the Hedding Methodist church last evening to attend the fifth annual banquet of the society. The event was also in the nature of a celebration of the founding of the Epworth League society, it being the 14th anniversary. The observance started last evening, will be continued tomorrow, it being called "Anniversary Sunday." There will be special services throughout the day, beginning with a special praise and prayer service at 10 o'clock in the morning and closing in the evening with the Wesley Succession program.

There was a large number in attendance at the banquet and business meeting last evening, fully 150 sitting down to the banquet. C. S. Andrews, the president of the league, acted as toastmaster and called for the following toasts which were well responded to: "Present Opportunities," Mrs. D. K. Morse; "Our Youthful Reinforcements," E. L. Page; "Charitable Allowance," E. A. Bugbee; reading, Miss Leda Stevens; "The Epworth League as a Militant Host," Rev. W. R. Davenport; principal of Montpelier seminary and a former pastor of the church; "Cheerful Courage," Miss Elizabeth Hanson; "Everybody," Mrs. L. D. Martin.

Officers were elected by the league as follows: president, C. S. Andrews; first vice-president, Miss Esther Bolles; second vice-president, Miss Christina Bau; third vice-president, Miss Gladys Saunders; fourth vice-president, Mrs. James Snowden; secretary, Nat Keith; treasurer, Arthur Jackson; pianist, Miss Inez Vaughan. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend the concert tomorrow evening beginning at 5.45 o'clock.

HIT THE POLICEMAN.

Man Who Said He Was Not Drunk Takes
Issue With Montpelier Policeman.

Montpelier, May 15.—There was some excitement near the Robinson market about 7 o'clock last evening in which Special Officer E. E. Davis and another man were the center of interest. It is said Mr. Davis had some talk to the effect that the man was drunk and had better go home, but that the object of the remarks disagreed and finally gave Mr. Davis a punch in the face. That ended the matter for the time, the man going up State street picking up cobble stones and the officer retiring.

TO HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

Frank Greney of Montpelier Goes For
Hitting Officer.

Montpelier, May 16.—Frank Greney was before Justice Laird last evening on the charge of assaulting an officer. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$5 and costs, with an alternative sentence of 60 days in the house of correction.

Alex McMillan, the man arrested yesterday, pleaded guilty to a first offense of intoxication and paid a fine of \$5 and costs.

FIRES UNDER CONTROL.

Will Do Little Further Damage on M. & V.
R. Line.

Montpelier, May 15.—According to reports the forest fires along the M. & V. railroad are under control today. At Groton the fire which threatened to spread over a large area of valuable timber land is now almost extinguished. There is a small blaze at Nigger Head pond but no further serious damage is expected in that section.

Barre Progress.

An occasional visit to Barre, Vt., opens a granite cutter's eyes to the progress going on in modern methods of granite cutting, and if the same pace is kept up for a few years, a workman in that busy granite cutting center who can only cut with hand tools will find himself handicapped in properly following the trade. In addition to sawing, surface dressing by machinery, pneumatic polishing and pneumatic drilling have recently been added to granite shed inventions, and each step in that direction makes the finished product better and cheaper, and therefore a source of satisfaction alike to cutter, manufacturer and purchaser. It is true that other granite centers are likewise progressing, but to see new-fashioned tools at work at their best one has to visit the sheds in Barre and see them at work for one's self to thoroughly appreciate modern granite cutting by machinery.—James Duncan in Granite Cutters' Journal.

Concrete Sidewalk.

This village desires to contract at once for the putting in of some concrete walks. Address, Village Trustees, North Troy, Vermont.

Wearers of the famous "Queen Quality" shoes will be glad to know that the People's Shoe Store has just received their large spring line of boots and oxfords.

A. J. STEPHENS' FUNERAL
HELD THIS AFTERNOONFour Societies of Which He Was a
Member, Attended in a
Body.

The funeral of the late Alexander J. Stephens was held this afternoon at two o'clock from his late home on North Seminary street, Rev. T. H. Mitchell of the Presbyterian church and Rev. F. A. Poole of the Congregational church being the officiating clergymen.

There was a very large attendance. The four orders of which the deceased was a member, the Modern Woodmen, Clan Gordon, No. 12, O. S. C., Burns Club and Granite Lodge, No. 35, attended the funeral in a body. The four orders marching through the house in reviewing the remains made a very impressive ceremony.

The floral display was magnificent. The pall bearers were C. W. McMillan, John McMillan from Clan Gordon, James P. Hie and Frank Burke from the Woodmen, Robert Inglis, James Anderson from the Burns club, Alex Milne and George Gray from the Masons.

The interment was in the family lot in Hope cemetery.

CELEBRATION AT EAST BARRE.

Memorial Day Will Be Fittingly Ob-
served.

East Barre, May 16.—Memorial day will be very appropriately observed under the auspices of the U. V. U., the Veteran's association of the town of Barre. At the meeting Friday evening at Odd Fellows' Hall, East Barre, the final arrangements were made. Invitations have been extended to the civic bodies of the town to participate and the Odd Fellows and Order of Foresters and probably other civic bodies will be in line; also the Cantons of Barre city have accepted the invitation to be present. Business will probably be entirely suspended so that the citizens in general will turn out en masse to assist in doing honor to the honored dead, to those who gave up their lives that this nation might live.

The exercises will be very appropriately arranged and a very prominent gentleman will deliver a stirring and appropriate address. The ladies of the Relief Union have made arrangements to furnish a liberal lunch to those taking part with the veterans, and an invitation is extended to the ladies of Granville, Westerville, South Barre and East Barre to contribute to the tables. Contributions will be thankfully received by the ladies of the Relief Corps at Odd Fellows' hall on Memorial day morning, also contributions of flowers will be thankfully received. Lieut. Colonel C. A. Bond for the committee of arrangements.

HE PAID HIS FINE.

Ex-Alderman Abram Mann Violated City
Ordinance.

Ex-Alderman Abram Mann was in city court last evening to answer to the charge of violating a city ordinance by building a piazza without a permit from the city council, the complaint having been made by City Attorney Gordon. Mr. Mann admitted the charge as he had previously stated he would, and was fined the usual amount for such an offence, \$20 with costs of \$5.75.

However Mayor Jackson brought in an order remitting the fine to \$2 with costs, this action having been made possible by a vote of the aldermen the previous evening.

DEATH OF E. H. GRANFIELD.

Former Electric Car Motorman Died at
Bedlin Today.

Montpelier, May 16.—E. H. Granfield, for some time a motorman on the electric railroad, died this morning of typhoid fever at the home of his parents in Berlin. He leaves his parents and several brothers and sisters. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon.

BITTEN BY A DOG.

Little Verna Smith of Norwich Has Lip
Torn Open.

Norwich, May 15.—Little Verna Smith was severely bitten by a dog yesterday, the animal's teeth tearing her lip open from the nose down. She is getting along as well as could be expected.

THE CHURCH FIELD.

Sunday Services and Social Events of the
Week.

The pastor will conduct the usual service at the Universalist church tomorrow.

Rev. Mr. Cloues of Montpelier will preach at the Presbyterian church tomorrow morning. Mr. Mitchell will occupy the pulpit in the evening.

The pastor will preach at the Baptist church tomorrow. The subject for the morning sermon will be "Strong Men Doing Exports," and the evening "Wild Gourds in Life's Pottage."

Christian Science services are held Sunday at 10.45 a. m. and Wednesday at 7.45 p. m. in Nichols' block. The reading room is open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9.

At the Hedding M. E. church tomorrow the pastor will preach to the Epworth League. In the evening, 5.45 to 8, graduation of Juniors, installation of officers. The Wesley Succession program to be used.

First Congregational church, Sunday, May 17, morning worship with sermon at 10.30. Evening worship at 7. A lecture on "The Work for Christ in Japan," will be given, illustrated by colored stereoscopic views. All who do not attend elsewhere are invited to these services.

Church of the Good Shepherd: Holy Communion (save on the first Sunday in the month) at 8.00 a. m.; first Sunday in the month, 10.30 a. m.; service and sermon each Sunday at 10.30 a. m. and 7 p. m.; Sunday school at 12 m.; service Friday evening at 7 p. m.; special services on great feast days and all Saint's days at 10 a. m.

VETERANS
CELEBRATESpanish American War
Boys Gathered.

BANQUET LAST EVENING

Annual Base Ball Game in the
Afternoon Won by Team of
Captain Badger.

The Spanish American war veterans of this city celebrated their fourth anniversary yesterday in a manner long to be remembered by them as a pleasant one. The usual base ball game which has always been the source of much sport and pleasure was played at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon at Fairmount park and it was all that it was in past years in the way of a jolly good time.

The captains of the two teams were William Wishart and E. J. Badger. The latter's team was victorious by a score of 12 to 8. Only seven innings were necessary to show their opponents that their base ball days were not entirely forgotten. The batteries were Gones and Cadger for the winning side and Wishart, Bergeron and Dickey for the losers. Wishart's left handed twist proved very effective at first but his arm was not used to the strain and he gave up the box to Bergeron for a part of the game. Henry Whitaker was umpire of the game and the conquered had much to say after the game about some of his decisions.

But the most enjoyable part of this celebration came in the evening. At 8 o'clock the members met in the armory and talked over old times for two hours and then went to Hawes restaurant where one of those suppers for which the proprietor is famous was served in a fine manner.

After the supper a long list of toasts was responded to in a very entertaining manner and music was furnished by a male quartette consisting of Joseph Wood, Charlie Mills, William Rast and W. H. Pitkin which was a big addition to the enjoyment.

Fred B. Mudgett was the toastmaster and he proved to be a most worthy one. The toasts responded to were as follows: B. H. Wells, "V. N. G. Veterans;" D. R. Blabber, "Our Country Visitor;" Dr. Joe W. Jackson, "Pills! Pills! Pills!" P. J. Rogers, "Company E;" William Wishart, "The Ladies;" Thos. G. Carswell, "Volunteers."

The entertainment committee was T. G. Carswell, William Wishart, Tom Mercer, W. H. Pitkin and George Cadger.

ROUND-UP OF DRUNKS
IN TOWN OF BARREFour Men Arrested Last Night. One
of Whom Pleaded Not Guilty
Today.

East Barre, May 16.—There was a round-up of drunks in Barre town last evening and as a result four men were awaiting trial before Justice A. C. Dickey this morning. The arrests were made by Constable A. B. Hutchins and Special Officer George McGee. Grand Juror Cutler prosecuted.

Ramo Pariso, one of the men arrested, pleaded not guilty to the charge of intoxication and his case was continued to one week from Monday, bail of \$50 being furnished by Odile Gilbert. Henry Perrin pleaded guilty to a second offense of intoxication and will take 30 days in the county jail. John Dufel admitted he was drunk and paid a fine of \$5 with costs of \$7.45. John Sullivan of Granville will take 10 days in the county jail as a result of pleading guilty to a first offense of intoxication.

"A CITIZEN" RETRACTS.

Says He Was Mistaken in His Information
About Henry Frenier.

Editor of Times: On May 11, 1903, I caused to be published in your paper a communication regarding Henry Frenier's conduct as a deputy sheriff. After investigating I desire to withdraw my statements in the communication, reflecting upon Mr. Frenier's conduct as a deputy sheriff or citizen. I do not find that he gathered in a man, more or less intoxicated near Gallagher's on Granite street, and packed him away in his embalming rooms or some other part of the building, until the man was in a sufficiently sobered condition to find his way home or to the saloon to get more drink. I desire that you publish this communication as conspicuously as you did the one previously signed by me, so that the public may be fully informed of this retraction. A Citizen.

GOOD-BYE TO MRS. FREEMAN.

Pleasant Evening Spent by the Ladies of
The G. A. R.

The ladies of the G. A. R. spent last evening very pleasantly at their hall. The meeting was called to give the members an opportunity to say good-bye to Mrs. William Freeman, who goes soon to make her home in Massachusetts. Cake and ice cream were served and at the close Mrs. Grace Dusham, in a few well chosen words for the Circle, presented Mrs. Freeman with a solid silver dish. Mrs. Freeman was completely taken by surprise but after a few moments recovered and expressed her appreciation of the gift.